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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: ECONCOM X

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1. SUMMARY. FOREIGN OFFICE ADVISED US MORNING APRIL 7 THAT (A) FOREIGN MINISTER MIYAZAWA INTENDS TO INFORM JAPANESE PRESS BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE FOR WASHINGTON THAT ECONCOM NOT LIKELY TAKE PLACE IN SEPT., AND (B) THAT MIYAZAWA DOES NOT RPT NOT INTEND TO RAISE SCHEDULING OF ECONCOM WITH EITHER SECRETARY OR DEPUTY SECRETARY DURING WASHINGTON VISIT. STATEMENT TO PRESS LIKELY BE MADE AFTER CABINET MEETING TUES MORNING APRIL 8. END SUMMARY.

2. FUKADA (WITH FUJII AND SAITO PRESENT) TOLD US MIYAZAWA WAS DISAPPOINTED TO LEARN ON APRIL 5 THAT US CONSIDERS ECONCOM SHOULD BE DELAYED TO SOME FUTURE DATE. MIYAZAWA CONSIDERS HE MUST INFORM PM, HIS CABINET COLLEAGUES, AND JAPANESE PEOPLE (VIA PRESS) THAT MEETING WILL NOT TAKE PLACE IN SEPT AND THIS ISSUE MUST BE CLOSED BEFORE HE LEAVES FOR WASH. OTHERWISE, DELAY IN HOLDING ECONCOM WOULD APPEAR TO BE ONE RESULT OF HIS WASH VISIT.

3. FUKADA WAS FRZNK ENOUGH TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT TO EXTENT THERE IS PROBLEM HERE, IT STEMS FROM PREMATURE REVELATION TO JAPANESE PRESS BY MIYAZAWA THAT US HAD COMMUNICATED INTENTION TO CON-

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FOUND IT CONVENIENT AND THEREFORE ECONCOM LIKELY BE HELD IN SEPT AS SOON AS PRECISE DATE FIRMED UP. WITH HIS OWN DEPARTURE FOR WASH IMMINENT, MIYAZAWA IS NATURALLY ANXIOUS TO AVOID HAVING DEFERRAL APPEAR TO BE RESULT OF THAT VISIT WITH RISK OF ADVERSE SPECULATION ABOUT REASONS. FUKADA SAID MIYAZAWA WANTS TO PUT THIS QUESTION ASIDE BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE APRIL 9 AND DOES NOT INTEND TO RAISE SCHEDULING EITHER WITH SECRETARY OR DEPUTY SECRETARY.

4. FUKADA SAID MIYAZAWA WOULD INFORM PM AND CABINET COLLEAGUES ABOUT SITUATION AT REGULAR CABINET MEETING MORNING APRIL 8. AFTER THAT MEETING, HE INTENDS TELL PRESS THAT WHILE THERE WAS A TENTATIVE OFFER FROM US TO HOLD ECONCOM IN SEPT, AS SITUATION NOW STANDS IT IS NOT LIKELY BE HELD THEN AND HE WILL AVOID GETTING INTO DETAILS. MIYAZAWA HOPEFUL THAT WITH SO MANY MORE IMPORTANT NEWSWORTHY INTERNATIONAL ISSUES THESE DAYS, JAPANESE PRESS WILL ACCEPT SIMPLE STATEMENT THAT DATE FOR ONE EXPECTED BILATERAL US-JAPAN MEETING HAS BEEN TEMPORARILY SHELVED.

5. REQUEST EA/J BRING SUBSTANCE THIS MESSAGE TO ATTENTION AMB HODGSON.
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